

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the the non-final Office Action of April 16, 2010. A one-month extension of time accompanies this paper. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-10, 12-17, and 20 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-16 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claims 10, 11, 16, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 10, 11, and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Ando (US 6,375,431) as modified by Sabini (US 2001/0041139).

Claims 10, 17, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Barnitz (US 5,795,328) as modified by Sabini.

Claims 1-9, and 12-15 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter once the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issues are resolved.

The Claims are Now in Condition for Allowance

Claims 1-9 and 12-15 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections and 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1-9 and 12-15 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 and 16 have been amended to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph issues.

Independent claims 10 and 17 have further been amended to be more analogous to allowable claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 10 and 17 and claims 16 and 20 dependent therefrom now distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

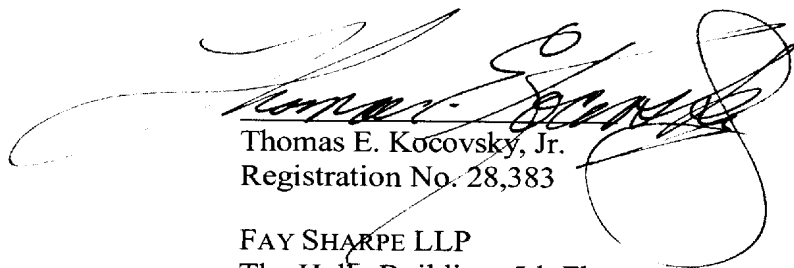
An early allowance of all claims is requested.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1-10, 12-17, and 20 now distinguish patentably over the references of record and comply with the other statutory requirements. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at 216.363.9000.

Respectfully submitted,

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